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Chief, SR/DOB

DATE: 24 October 1957

FROM : Instructor, Foreign Trainees

SUBJECT: Special Project AEACRE (2 Trainees)(P) Mario K. GIORDANO

A. The following outlines the Special Project Training Plan for Special Project AEACRE:

1. Originator: SR/DOB
2. Approvals: C/SR; C/SR/DOB; FI/TRO; CI Staff
3. Case Officer: { 2607 "J", ext. 8331
4. Chief Instructor; CT: { ext. 2778
5. Purpose: Since these men have had many years of experience in intelligence activities, our main purpose will be to formalize our methods and procedures, which will be of assistance to them in their capacity as future instructors.
6. Clearance: Trainee #1 has clearance C-11300 #50562 dated 6 October 1954. Trainee #2 has clearance C-48934 #69690 dated 2 April 1957. FI and CI Staff have approved training of these individuals.
7. Number of Trainees: Two
8. Nationality: Estonian and Russian
9. Biographical Data: See Appendix I
10. Cover: For training purposes, Trainees will be consultants and instructors for Language and Area Evaluation Section, Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army.
11. Time Table: Instruction will commence Monday, 4 November and continue through 29 November.
12. Training Area: Training will be conducted in a safehouse provided by SR/DOB in the Washington Area.

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13. Language of Instruction: English
14. Schedule of Instruction: See Appendix II
15. Finances: Any financial expenses will be borne by SR/DOB.

B. Copies of this memorandum are being distributed as follows:

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APPENDIX I

PROJECT AEACRE

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Trainee #1 was born on 13 September 1904 at Kuressaare, Estonia. He married Salme Epler of Narva, Estonia on 27 October 1928. Trainee is the father of two sons. He was educated in Tallin war schools and graduated from the military academy there. He has a vast amount of military and intelligence experience having worked in the Estonian Intelligence Service, Finnish and German Military Intelligence Service, British Intelligence from 1929 to 1949 and with the United States Intelligence since 1950. Trainee reached the rank of Captain in 1934 while working for Estonian Intelligence Service. His 28 years of intelligence experience has included analysis and compilation, intelligence liaison, CE instruction, W/T, training and recruiting, assessment and handling of Russian, Baltic, German and U.S. agents. He also assisted in the dispatch of agents into the USSR. From 1951 to 1953 he was utilized by CSOB as an operational assistant. Trainee has the following language capabilities: Estonian, Russian, German, French, Finnish, Polish and English. His previous intelligence training includes Escape and Evasion which he had 3 through 7 June 1957.

Trainee #2 was born in Kurskaya Oblast, USSR on 20 December 1918. He was married in 1943 but separated from his wife and has not lived with her since 1949. In November 1950, Trainee's position was that of an executive officer for the 932nd OZAD. It was at the 932 OZAD that Trainee met his second wife, Ingrid, a waitress in the officer's mess. Trainee attended elementary school in Skovorodnyevo from 1926 to 1930. From 1930 to 1934, he attended seven year school in Kurskaya Oblast. From 1934 to 1938, he attended and completed teacher training school in Igov. In 1939, he was drafted by the Khomutovskii RVK. Attended the 1st and 2nd Kiev Artillery Schools until 1941, at which time he transferred to AAA School in Gorkii, graduating with honors, with rank of lieutenant and remained as platoon commander till September 1941. From 1941 to 1944, Trainee served in the 6th PVO Zone in Moscow as AAA officer. From 1944 to 1947, he was promoted to assistant Chief of Staff of Regiment with rank of Captain. Trainee was demobilized in April 1947. In 1949 to 1951, Trainee was recalled to active duty by the RVK (Moscow) and sent immediately to the GOFG, assigned as Chief of Staff to the 932nd separate AAA Battalion. Promoted to rank of Major in February 1950. In September 1951, he was reduced in function as a result of disciplinary action taken against him for fraternizing and transferred to the 935th separate AAA Battalion. For a second offense of fraternizing, Trainee was demoted to Captain on 3 November 1951 and received orders to return to the USSR. He then defected to the U.S. Sector of Berlin in December 1951. Trainee started working for U.S. Intelligence in 1952. Trainee has the following language capabilities: Russian, German and Ukrainian. Previous intelligence training in Tradecraft Training in Germany, dated 18 August to 30 September 1952.

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APPENDIX II

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SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION

<u>4 Nov</u>	Security Briefing; discussion of schedule
<u>4-8 Nov</u>	Tradecraft with emphasis on: Security Cover Communications Agent Management and control (recruiting, training, control, etc)
<u>12 - 13 Nov</u>	Observation, description, and reporting
<u>14 - 15 Nov</u>	Principles of elicitation, interviewing, and interrogation
<u>18 Nov</u>	Surveillance, telephone taps and mikes (oral coverage)
<u>19 Nov</u>	Review of CI methods of control
<u>20 Nov</u>	Discussion of training techniques

Emphasis will be placed on Agency concepts and doctrine and our techniques of instruction which should prove useful in Trainee's future assignments. In line with this they will be required to organize a well integrated course for their future use.

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